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RE: Proposed Foreign Filing of Case I USSN 148124/5-9-80 and Case II USSN 171314/7-23-80

Dear John:

Per Art Palmer's instructions, enclosed are two related applications that require immediate attention. We wish to have the applications combined for purposes of foreign filing on or before the first priority date of 9 May. We are proposing a combined application in that both cases deal with similar subject matter; one application is related to smoking articles while the second deals with methods for making such articles. The examples in both cases are identical, so the emphasis must be directed to combining the text in a reasonable manner while being certain that there is adequate support for the claims. The claims will also require special attention and reworking to conform to European practice. No doubt some dependent claims can be deleted if warranted; however, we are not concerned about increased filing fees in this particular application.

Art and I have reviewed the applications to identify common subject matter and are now attempting to combine the text in a reasonable fashion. Just as soon as the first draft of the combined case is completed, we shall forward a copy to you for review. Art has indicated that he will call you to discuss certain aspects of the case that require special attention. Moreover, we believe that a meeting on April 13 and 14, possibly in New York, may be advisable in order to discuss the application and review the claims that you have prepared. If your schedule is such that you cannot be in New York on the proposed dates, perhaps one of your associates can plan to meet with us. Due to the shortness of time and the special circumstances of this particular project, we feel it is important to meet and discuss the application and claims.

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Briefly, with respect to the first filed application, novel smoking articles are described and methods for making various novel configurations are specified. This application emphasizes the basic concepts involved in the invention as well as detailed discussion of the various ingredients used in making the articles. The second application is a continuation-in-part of the first and relates to the specific mechanical aspects involved in making the articles. Figures 1 through 5 of Case I and Figures 1, 6 and 7 of Case II are proposed for the combined filing. We shall attend to obtaining the drawings, the numbers of which will be corrected to coincide with the combined text.

With respect to actual filing, the application should be placed in condition for filing on a national basis claiming both priority dates, in the following countries:

Argentina	Japan
Australia	Netherlands
Brazil	Philippines
Canada	Switzerland
France	Venezuela
Italy	
West Germany	
Great Britain	

By filing the combined case on a national basis before expiration of the May 9 convention date, and claiming both priority dates, we hope to avoid problems with self collision. If you believe this strategy is not advisable, we would appreciate an opinion from you.

An information sheet regarding the application and inventors is attached. We shall attend to formal details such as ordering the drawings, certified copies of priority applications and obtaining a Foreign Filing License. We must, of course, take care to be sure that a License has been granted before actually filing these applications.

Please do what you can to expedite matters there and advise us immediately if this request presents a problem for you and your firm.

Very truly yours,

Susan A. Hutcheson

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